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	becaus	se:	
			, or the said claim Nos relate to the following subject matter which does minary examination (specify):
		escription, claims or drawing o meaningful opinion could	ngs (indicate particular elements below) or said claims Nos are so unclear d be formed (specify):
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Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims 1-156	YES
	Claims NONE	NC
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Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-156</u> Claims <u>NONE</u>	NC
Industrial Applicability (IA)		YE
	Claims NONE	NC